

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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NEW TECHNIQUE TO IMPROVE SAFETY OF BLOOD
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Food and Drug Administration has recently developed a new technique to improve safety of donated blood;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the extent to which the new technique would be helpful in reducing the chances of blood getting infected with HIV or the Hepatitis `C` virus through a transfusion; and
- (d) the estimated cost likely to be borne by the Government in adoption of this technique in Government hospitals?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

- (a) Food and Drug Administration is a regulatory authority in United States of America and is concerned with maintaining quality in food products and pharmaceuticals. It has not developed any new technique to improve safety of donated blood.
- (b) to (d) Does not arise.